

# Plain Brown Rapper

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News for the Grace and Tandy Brown Family

October 2001

You probably didn't expect to hear from me again quite so soon, but there are some concerns and fun things going on in this family.

First of all let me tell you thanks for your many messages of thanks and expressions of your feelings about the last PBR. When I started to write, the kitchen was all torn up and we were anticipating company and everything was put on hold. Who knew, when I finally finished it would come at a time of national crises. You have all been so terrific and very kind. I love all your messages.

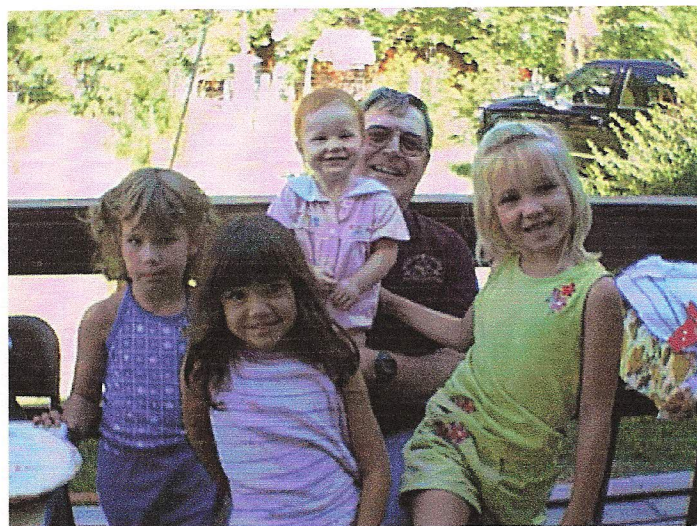
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In light of the terrorist attacks on our great nation, you might like to know which members of our family are currently serving in the uniformed services. The following is a list of the ones I know about and if I have missed ANY, please let me know so I can include them in the next PBR.

***Bob Beardslee, Air Force, Minot, North Dakota***  
***Scott Johnson, Air Force, Travis AFB, California***  
***Roger VanAlyne, Air National Guard, Reno, Nevada***  
***Daryllynn Patterson, Air National Guard, Cheyenne, Wyoming***  
***Ryan Alexander Norris, US Navy, Norfolk, Virginia***  
***Devon VanAlyne, US Navy, Bangor, Washington***  
***Jared Kessler, Law Enforcement, Cheyenne, Wyoming***

Please keep these family members in your hearts and prayers as we go about the task of defending this wonderful country.

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Recently, our brother Mike was named "2001 REALTOR OF THE YEAR" by the Cheyenne Board of Realtors. The picture of Mike and his award was in the Newspaper on Sunday, September 16, and while it was a great picture, this one of Mike and his true rewards, his precious little Granddaughters and Nancy's Granddaughter (in the green dress) seemed a little more appropriate.

Mike's Article reads (in part) "Brown is a dedicated supporter of and leader in home-town community, church and organization programs and projects including the Wyoming Cowboy Joe and Quarterback Clubs, Chamber of commerce, Cheyenne

Frontier Days, St Mary's Cathedral, SE Wyoming Homebuilders, the Board of Directors of United Medical Center, Elks and Knights of Columbus. He actively volunteers his time for the Old West Museum Art show and the Democratic Party as well as finding time for fund raising for the Progress and Prosperity Campaign."



Then Mike received an additional honor being named the "Wyoming Association of Realtors 2001 Realtor of the Year." He will go to Chicago where he will parade on the stage with the other 50 State Realtors of the Year, carrying the Wyoming Flag.

Mike is pictured here, beside the sign which is outside the Bell Real Estate Office on Warren Avenue, here in Cheyenne.

We are all proud of Mike and he has been our "Man of the Year" for a very long time. Each day and in every way he shows us what a

terrific person he is. **Congratulations Mike!!!!!!** We are all **VERY PROUD OF YOU!!!!!!**

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Dick and Marty have headed back to Arizona for the winter. What sissies, one little snow storm and away they go. Just kidding!! They have returned to Arizona so Marty can have her hip replacement surgery. Her surgery was today, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Dick tells me she is doing very well. The hip replacement is just fine and while she will undergo the rehab, Marty should be better than new in a short time. We are all very pleased everything went well and we will keep you in our hearts and prayers.

Charles is undergoing surgery on his knee on October 10<sup>th</sup> and we will let you know how that goes. He needs to be kept in our hearts and prayers.

His Grandson, Bryce Brown (Kenny & Vicki's son) could use some prayer too. Bryce attends New York University. The morning of the attack on the World Trade Center, the University was evacuated and these young people reached the street just in time to witness the building collapsing and the people being blown out the windows and crashing to the ground. He is pretty shaken by all this and could use some support.

Our little Katie VanAlyne is having a bone marrow transplant to correct a weakened bone due to a cyst in her arm. The prognosis is very good and it is being done at the Shrine Hospital in Spokane, Washington. Bob and I are going up there to be with Kelsey so Katie's mom and dad (Rod and Cathy) can stay with Katie. Keep her in your prayers.

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Mother Nature is busy adorning herself in her most beautiful garments and parading across the forest touching everything she can. The beautiful golds of the Aspen cascade down the sides of the mountains in between the Pine trees like a river rushing to the sea.

In a phone conversation with Dick, he suggested we take a drive over the Battle Mountain

Pass from Encampment, Wyoming to Savery, Wyoming to see the colors of the trees and.... we did. It was an absolutely beautiful drive. We stopped along the way to see the place where Thomas Alva Edison supposedly got the idea for the incandescent light bulb from the frayed end of his bamboo fishing pole. (I'm sure I've told you Cheyenne was the first place to have incandescent street lights. Edison chose three sights, Cheyenne, EauClaire, Wisconsin and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Cheyenne turned theirs on the afternoon so they could be first.)

Then we continued on down to Savery, Wyoming where we ran into one of the best museums of Western History we've seen. It had the "Jim Baker Cabin" and if you remember the cabin sat in Frontier Park for many years. We were told many times of the bravery of Jim Baker and how he stood his ground on the second floor of the cabin while the Indians shot arrows into the building until they killed him. Our imaginations of his heroics, one man against thousands of Indians, kept us occupied for many years, then they took the building away. (I'm sure there were not thousands of Indians, our telling added to the numbers.) We were surprised and pleased to find the building and know it is where it should be, close to its original spot.



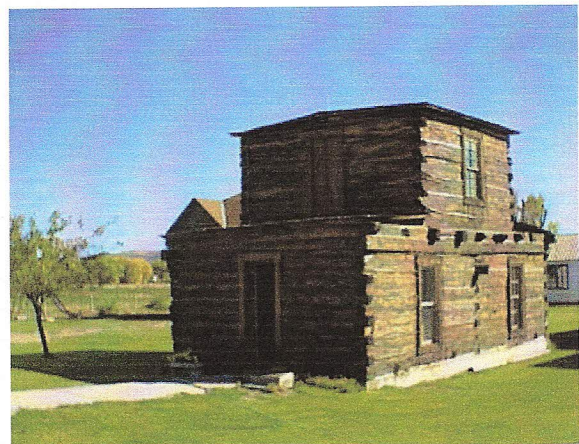
The weather was great and Dick was right, all along the highway, the view was breath taking and the trees were at their peak. Gold, red, copper and shades of green met us all the way. We saw lots of deer and antelope grazing contentedly in the hay pastures. It was a great day. Had supper in an old Pub in Steamboat Springs and finished up a day we won't soon forget.

Thank you Dick, you were right!!!! It was wonderful!!!!

Pictured is the lake where Thomas Edison was fishing when he got the idea for the light bulb. Picture was taken on the road at

the historical marker telling about Edison and his light bulb idea.

Jim Baker's Cabin.  
Can you remember it?



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That's it for now and I'll write more later. Wishing all of you a wonderful fall and I hope you get out to see the wonders Mother Nature puts on for all the world to see. She is some lady!!!